

Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Homeland Security Division

FFY 2017 Homeland Security Grant Program

State-Share Availability of Grant Funds: Questions and Responses

Question	Response
Has the Massachusetts Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) changed since last year?	Yes, it did change. The THIRA was updated in 2016. The document is considered by EOPSS to be For Official Use Only (FOUO) and must be requested via email from kristin.t.potrikus@massmail.state.ma.us .
Will there be a general bidder's information session on April 10, 2017?	There will not be a live bidder general information session on April 10th. The bidder's general information session is posted on EOPSS website at: http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/homeland-security-division/grant-programs-and-application-information.html
Can you provide me with the FFY 2017 HSGP State Priorities and other documents I might require for this application?	The document is considered by EOPSS to be For Official Use Only (FOUO) and must be requested via email from kristin.t.potrikus@massmail.state.ma.us
Who do I submit the grant application too?	Applications can be submitted to hans.olsen@state.ma.us and kristin.t.potrikus@massmail.state.ma.us
I have a federal rate agreement for indirect costs. Are indirect cost rates allowable in this application?	Per FEMA's FFY2016 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), page 16, "Indirect costs are allowable under this program as described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.414. With the exception of recipients who have never received a negotiated indirect cost rate described in 2 C.F.R. § 200.414(f), recipients must have an approved indirect cost rate agreement with their cognizant federal agency to charge indirect costs to this award. A copy of the approved rate (a fully executed, agreement negotiated with the applicant's cognizant federal agency) is required at the time of application." https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1455569937218-3daa3552913b8affe0c6b5bc3b448635/FY_2016_HSGP_NOFO_FINAL.pdf
The following link: https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/114411 takes me to the FFY 2016 HSGP NOFO. May we use this instead of the FFY 2017 HSGP NOFO?	My suggestion would be to complete your application for funding from the FFY2016 NOFO. FEMA has not yet released the FFY2017 NOFO. We anticipate that \$1-2 million dollars of funding may come available in FFY2017. This number is contingent upon the availability of grant funds awarded to Massachusetts.
Is the May 1 submittal deadline correct? That is the same day the Availability of Grant Funds will be posted.	The May 1 submittal deadline is correct* NOTE: This has been extended to May 3. We are in a unique situation where we have not yet received the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) from FEMA; since we are currently operating under a Continuing Resolution (CR) in Washington, this means FEMA can operate day-to-day, but cannot open any application period for FFY17 grants. The CR is in effect until April 28th and we anticipate that the NOFO will be released on or very shortly after that time.
Answers to questions will be posted after the grant application due date?	The Q&A will be posted after the application deadline. We are keeping the question and answer period open due to the delayed release of the NOFO. However, I can certainly send updates as common themes and questions

	arise.
Agency is looking to fund specific canine unit vehicles via this grant. The vehicles include radios. Is an ICP form required?	The ICP form will not be required at the time of application. Please detail the specifics of the equipment being proposed in FFY17. If the reviewer team determines that there is an SIEC component, we would then ask for an ICP prior to funding.
Are letters of support required?	Page 4 of the AGF states the following- "Additional documentation that helps support the need for the project may be submitted along with the proposal. Examples of supporting documentation may include an After Action Report and Improvement Plan that identifies operational gaps and describes specific actions that can be used to address them, or a Threat and Vulnerability Assessment, or a letter(s) of partnership support from a partnering agency or agencies." Thus, letters of support are not required to submit an application, however we will accept them should they be submitted.
In Section C, it says Summary of Support for the FFY2016 HSGP State Priorities – Should this actually be the FFY2017 Homeland Security Priorities?	Please use the FFY2017 Homeland Security Priorities.
In Section D, it asks about support for the FFY2016 IJ areas. Are there FFY2017 IJ's? If not, should we use the FFY2016 ones?	The '17 IJ's are not ready yet. Please go ahead and use the 2016 IJ's.
In Section F, should we include the State Preparedness Report info in this section with the THIRA since it is not listed as a separate question?	Yes, please include the State Preparedness Report within this section.
<p>Than form states: Section I - Part A: Budget Narrative (1 page maximum)</p> <p>Does it mean 1 page maximum for each budget category, or is it 1 page for the entire Budget narrative?</p>	One page for the entire budget narrative.
As I am finishing up applications I have noticed a discrepancy on page limits. Page 6 states the detailed scope must not be more than three pages but on page 17 it states that the 8 questions/criteria must be a maximum of 2 pages. Can you please clarify?	Please keep this to 2 pages maximum.
On page 1, is the project manager and fiscal manager the individuals from my organization who will be	Correct.

performing these functions?	
Under item 8 of project description, does agency applying become the owner of the asset to be procured?	The asset would be purchased by the organization utilizing federal funding. All applicable federal guidance and policy would need to be followed with regard to the purchase of vehicles and/or controlled equipment.
Section H – Milestones. I'm not sure how to apply dates to milestones when I don't know if or when funding would be available.	Each award's Period of Performance will vary but are generally expected to begin in Fall 2017 and end no later than August 31, 2019. We have not yet seen a DHS Notice of Funding Opportunity, so applications and awards of funding are contingent upon the availability of DHS HSGP funding for Massachusetts.
What is the application deadline?	Due to the extension of the Continuing Resolution and FFY17 budget announcement, as of 4/28/2017 we have moved the application deadline to May 3 rd 2017 at 5PM.